

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 775

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ms. AnnMarie Bennett,  
2002 Valedictorian of Sevier County High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie Bennett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, AnnMarie Bennett has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Bennett has earned an exemplary grade point average while serving as an important member of the Drama Club, the Junior Board of the Humane Society, the National Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and the American Field Service; she demonstrated her vast leadership skills as the President of the French Club, of which she also served as a member during her Sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her academic excellence, Ms. AnnMarie Bennett was her school's nominee for Most Intellectual Senior; she received an Academic Letter her Freshman year and earned an Academic Stripe each successive year thereafter. She has been given recognition by the Department of the Navy, the National Beta Club Award, and the National Honor Society Award; and

WHEREAS, a participant in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities, Ms. Bennett was also chosen as an alternate for the Governor's School for Prospective Teachers. She received a Certificate of Achievement for her excellence in the Governor's School in the Humanities, for Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, and for Standard American Government; featured in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, AnnMarie won first place in her region in the National French Exam and was a Junior Statesmen Summer School participant at Yale University. She also was awarded the Junior Statesmen Foundation Merit Scholarship for Yale University and the Junior Statesmen Summer School Honor Diploma; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded individual of enormous potential, Ms. Bennett also knows the value of a hard day's work; she has been employed since the ninth grade, having worked as a waitress, hostess, busser, customer associate, cashier, and as an administrative professional; and

WHEREAS, she still finds time to give back to her community as a participant in Leadership Development, as a Volunteer at the Humane Society and at the Veterinary Hospital, as a member of the *Antigone*-Choragos, and by volunteering to do housework for low-income families along with participating in a Career Internship; and

WHEREAS, AnnMarie's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, AnnMarie Bennett's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bennett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Ms. AnnMarie Bennett, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.